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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

CREIGHTON TAKATA, Individually	)	Case No. 3:18-cv-02293-FLW-TJB
and on behalf of all others similarly	)	
situated,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC. f/k/a	)	
BIOPTIX, INC., et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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**RESPONSE OF SAROOR ALAM TO COMPETING MOTIONS  
FOR APPOINTMENT AS LEAD PLAINTIFF**

Proposed lead plaintiff Saroor Alam respectfully submits this response to the competing motions for appointment as lead plaintiff in the above-captioned action. Dr. Alam recognizes that he does not possess the largest financial interest among the various lead plaintiff movants. Should the Court determine that the movants with the largest financial interest are unable, unwilling, or unqualified to serve as lead plaintiff, however, Dr. Alam stands ready, willing, and able to assume that role on behalf of the class.

DATED: May 7, 2018

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*s/ James E. Cecchi*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 7, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a Notice of Electronic Filing to all counsel of record.

s/ James E. Cecchi  
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